SFSP Meal Patterns

Food Components	Breakfast	Lunch or Supper	Snack ¹
<u>Milk</u>	_		_
Milk, fluid	1 cup (fl. oz.) ²	1 cup (fl. oz.) ³	1 cup (fl. oz.) ²
Vegetable(s) and/or Fruits			
Vegetable(s) and/or fruits(s) OR	½ cup	¾ cup total ⁴	¾ cup
Full-strength veg/ fruit juice OR	½ cup (4 fl. oz.)		3/4 cup (6 fl. oz.)
An equivalent quantity of any combination fruit(s), vegetable(s), and juice		3/4 cup total 4	
<u>Grains/Breads⁵</u>			
Bread	1 slice (.9 oz)	1 slice (.9 oz)	1 slice (.9 oz)
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls muffins, etc, OR	1 serving	1 serving	1 serving
Cold dry cereal OR	3/4 cup or 1 oz.6	³ ⁄ ₄ cup or 1 oz. ⁶	³ / ₄ cup or 1 oz ^{. 6}
Cooked pasta or noodle product OR	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Cooked cereal or cereal grains or an equivalent quantity of any combination of grains/breads.	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Meat/Meat Alternates ⁷	(Optional)		
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Lean meat or poultry or fish OR	1 oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.
Cheese OR	1 oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.
Eggs OR	1/2 large egg	1 large egg	1/2 large egg
Cooked dry beans or peas OR	⅓ cup	½ cup	1/4 cup
Alternate Protein Product ⁷ OR	1 oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.
Peanut butter or soynut butter or other nut or seed butters OR	2 Tbsp.	4 Tbsp.	2 Tbsp.
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	1 oz.	1 oz. = 50% ⁸	1 oz.
OR Yogurt, plain or sweetened and flavored OR	½ cup or 4 fl oz.	1 cup or 8 fl oz.	½ cup or 4 fl oz.
An equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternates.	1 oz. total	2 oz. total	1 oz. total

ENDNOTES

- Serve two food items. Each food item must be from a different food component. Juice may not be served when milk is served as the only other component.
- 2. Shall be served as a beverage, or on cereal, or use part of it for each purpose.
- 3. Shall be served as a beverage.
- 4. Serve two or more kinds of vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s) or a combination of both. Full-strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.
- 5. All grain/bread items must be enriched or whole-grain, made from enriched or whole-grain meal or flour, or if it is a cereal, the product must be whole-grain, enriched or fortified. Bran and germ are credited the same as enriched or whole-grain meal or flour.
- 6. Either volume (cup) or weight (ounce) whichever is less.
- 7. Must meet the requirements in Appendix A of the SFSP regulations.
- 8. No more than 50 percent of the requirement shall be met with nuts or seeds. Nuts or seeds shall be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement. When determining combinations, 1 ounce of nuts or seeds is equal to 1 ounce of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish.

